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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) A compound of the following formula (1):

in which

m and n each independently represents 1 or 2,

R¹ represents

hydrogen;

heterocycle which is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₁₀-alkyl;

-(CH₂)₁₋₃-R⁶, wherein R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, heterocycle, hydroxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxylcarbonyl, carboxy, amino, C_1 - C_{10} -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl)amino, and C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonylamino; wherein heterocycle is substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, oxo, hydroxy, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonyl and C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy;

glycine, alanine, histidine, phenylalanine or proline; wherein one or more hydrogen atoms on nitrogen atom are unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxycarbonyl and C_1 - C_8 -alkylsulfonyl; or

 $-SO_2-C_1-C_3$ -alkyl,

R² represents

hydrogen;

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C₁-C₈-alkyl;

-CO-(CH₂)₁₋₃-hydroxy; or

-CH₂-CO-hydroxy,

R³ represents

 C_1 - C_8 -alkyl which is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from C_1 - C_8 -alkyl and carbamoyl;

-(CH₂)₁₋₃-C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or

- $(CH_2)_{0-3}$ - C_6 - C_{10} -aryl which is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy and C_1 - C_8 -alkyl,

R⁴ represents

 C_1 - C_8 -alkyl;

-(CH₂)₁₋₃-C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl;

 C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl and C_6 - C_{10} -aryl;

spiro[2,5]octan; or

heterocycle,

R⁵ represents

carbonyl substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, heterocycle and C₆-C₁₀-aryl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy; wherein alkyl is unsubstituted, or monoor polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, C₁-C₈-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, hydroxy, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₆-C₁₀-ar C₁-C₈-alkyloxy, C₁-C₈-alkyl C₆-C₁₀-aryloxy, C₆-C₁₀-aryloxy, C₆-C₁₀-arylthio, formyl, C₂-C₈-alkanoyloxy, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, C₆-C₁₀-arylcarbonyloxy unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C₆-C₁₀-ar C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonyloxy; cycloalkyl is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxycarbonyl,

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hydroxyl-C₁-C₈-alkyl; and heterocycle is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by the substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxyC₁-C₈-alkyl, amino and 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl;

$$-(CH_2)_{1-3}-C(=O)-C_1-C_6$$
-alkoxy;

carbamoyl which is mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl and C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonyl substituted by hydroxy; wherein alkyl is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, amino and C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy;

$$-(CH_2)_{1-3}-C(=O)N(C_1-C_8-alkyl)(C_1-C_8-alkyl);$$

$$-C(=S)N(H)(C_1-C_8-alkyl)$$
 or $-C(=S)N(H)(C_1-C_8-alkyl)(C_1-C_8-alkyl)$; or

$$-SO_2-NH_2$$
 or $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-SO_2-C_1-C_8$ alkyl,

wherein heterocycle includes 1 to 2 heteroatom(s) from the group consisting of nitrogen atom, oxygen atom and sulfur atom, and represents 4- to 8-membered ring which can be fused with benzo or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, and which is saturated or has 1 or 2 double bond, or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

22. (New) The compound according to claim 21, wherein

R¹ represents

hydrogen; or

-(CH₂)₁₋₃-R⁶, wherein R⁶ selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, heterocycle, hydroxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxylcarbonyl, carboxy, amino, C_1 - C_{10} -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl)amino, and C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonylamino; wherein heterocycle is substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, oxo, hydroxy, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonyl and C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

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23. (New) The compound according to claim 21, wherein R² represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl, or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

24. (New) The compound according to claim 21, wherein

R³ represents -CH₂-phenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- to tri-substituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methoxy and methyl, or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

25. (New) The compound according to claim 21, wherein

 R^4 represents C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl and C_6 - C_{10} -aryl, or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

26. (New) The compound according to claim 21, wherein

R⁵ represents carbonyl substituted by the substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl, heterocycle and C₆-C₁₀-aryl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy; wherein alkyl is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by the substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, hydroxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkyloxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, C_6 - C_{10} -ar C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy, C_{6} - C_{10} -aryloxy, C_6 - C_{10} -arylthio, formyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkanoyloxy, C₃₋C₈₋cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, C₆-C₁₀-arylcarbonyloxy unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C₆-C₁₀-ar C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonyloxy; cycloalkyl is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxyl- C₁-C₈-alkyl; and heterocycle is unsubstituted, or mono- or polysubstituted by the substituents selected from the hydroxy C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, group consisting of hydroxy, amino and 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl, or

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a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

27. (New) An agonistic composition of melanocortin receptor comprising the compound of formula (1), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof as defined in claim 21 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.